REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES PROVIDERS

School Years 2006-2007

Pursuant to the Federal No Child Left Behind Act Section 1116(e)(1)

Issued by:

The Rhode Island Department of Education
Office of Progressive Support and Intervention
Title I Unit

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Rhode Island Department of Education Organizational Commitment

The mission of the Department of Education is to lead and support schools and communities in ensuring that all students achieve at the high levels needed to lead fulfilling and productive lives, to compete in academic and employment settings, and to contribute to society.

To do this we will:

- Advocate for coherent public policy,
- Enhance local capacity to improve teaching and learning,
- Sustain an effective accountability system by building innovative partnerships which create positive change.

The Rhode Island Department of Education does not discriminate on the basis of age, sex, sexual orientation, race, religion, national origin, color or handicap in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Background

As part of the federal **No Child Left Behind Act** (NCLB) of 2001, any school that is in its second year of School Improvement or on Corrective Action shall arrange for the provision of supplemental educational services to eligible children in the school from a provider with a demonstrated record of effectiveness or a high probability of success, that is selected by the parents in cooperation with the school district of residence and approved for that purpose by the State educational agency [Section 1116(e)(1)].

Purpose

This Request for Proposals is issued to select the providers of supplemental educational services that will be included on the 2006-2007 Approved Supplemental Educational Services Provider (ASESP) list. This is not a competitive grant in that as many providers can be included in the ASESP list as meet the criteria specified below. The list will be maintained by the Rhode Island Department of Education and will indicate which of the approved providers offer supplemental educational services in each school district.

The **No Child Left Behind Act** requires that the state promote maximum participation by providers to ensure, to the extent practicable, that parents have as many choices as possible. The state approved list will be updated at least annually. Each year there will be an opportunity for new providers to demonstrate that their organization meets the requirements. Providers of supplemental educational services can also be removed from the list annually subject to the conditions specified below.

It is expected that instruction will be primarily in the areas of reading/English language arts and math in order to help students achieve Rhode Island standards, as demonstrated by improved Rhode Island State Assessment scores. Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) is calculated for both ELA and math in all public schools participating in the RI State Assessment Program.

Eligibility Requirements

To be included on the approved list of supplemental educational services providers, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Have a demonstrated record of effectiveness or have a high probability of increasing student academic achievement.
- Provide supplemental educational services that are consistent with Rhode Island Academic Standards (available on the RIDE web site: http://www.ride.ri.gov)
- Provide instruction that is of high quality, research-based, and specifically designed to increase
 academic achievement of eligible children on state assessments and attain proficiency in meeting
 the RI academic achievement standards. Reading instruction must be scientifically based and
 proven to be effective and include the National Reading Panel Report criteria (available at
 http://www.nifl.gov).
- Provide letters of reference to parents and schools/districts.
- Be financially sound.
- Provide instruction in addition to what is provided during the school day.
- Provide instruction that is secular, neutral and non ideological.
- Submit evidence of meeting all applicable Federal, State, and local health, safety, and civil rights laws
- Comply with the Education Industry Association's (EIA) *Code of Professional Conduct and Business Ethics for SES Providers*, as amended November 15, 2005.

Provider Profile:

A provider may be a:

- School entity (public or private)
- Institution of higher education (public or private)
- Nonprofit or for-profit organization
- Faith based organization

Entities eligible to apply to provide supplemental educational services may include, but are not limited to:

- Community agencies
- > Charter schools
- > Private schools
- Individuals if organized as a non profit or for profit entity
- > Child care centers
- > Public schools
- Libraries
- ➤ Community colleges
- > Private companies
- > On-line schools
- Family literacy programs/Even Start programs
- > Regional Educational Collaboratives
- > Faith-based organizations
- > After school programs

Responsibilities of the Approved Provider

Entities included on the Approved Supplemental Educational Services Providers list are required to do the following:

- □ Ensure that the instruction provided is aligned with Rhode Island student academic achievement standards and in the case of a student with disabilities, is consistent with the student's individualized education program under section 614(d) of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.
- □ Provide parents of children receiving supplemental educational services and the appropriate school with information on the progress of the children in increasing achievement, in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language that such parents can understand.
- □ Ensure all employees who interact with students will be subject to a criminal records review pursuant to RI general laws (§ 16-2-18.1 Criminal records review (http://www.rilin.state.ri.us/Statutes/TITLE16/16-2/16-2-18.1.HTM)
- □ Enter into an agreement with the local school district that includes:
 - A statement of specific achievement goals for each student based upon the child's specific educational needs
 - A description of how the student's progress will be measured
 - A timetable for improving achievement, that, in the case of a student with disabilities, is consistent with the student's Individual Education Program
 - The amount of instructional time to be provided
 - The location where services will be provided
 - The means of transporting children to the place of instruction, if the services will be provided in a location other than student's school

- A description of how and when the student's parents, teacher(s) and school district officials will be regularly informed of the student's progress
- Provisions for the termination of such agreement
- Provisions with respect to the making of payments to the provider by the school district
- An assurance from the provider that the identity of any student eligible for, or receiving, supplemental educational services will not be disclosed without the written permission of the parents of the student
- A description of the scientifically based program to be utilized with specific references
- The academic and professional qualifications including licensure and/or certification of staff responsible for the delivery of the instructional program
- Provisions for informing school districts and parents of changes in staff or other material changes

Responsibilities of the School District

Qualifying school districts are required to:

- □ Identify eligible students
- □ Notify parents annually (in an understandable and uniform format, and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand) of:
 - The availability of supplemental educational services
 - The approved providers whose services are within the school district or whose services are reasonably available in neighboring school districts
 - A brief description of the services, qualifications, and demonstrated effectiveness of each approved provider to assist the parent in selecting a provider
- □ Contact providers selected by the parents and enter into a contractual agreement on behalf of the student
- □ Monitor the "Responsibilities of the Approved Provider" listed above

Districts are not required to provide transportation to those services offered away from the school area.

Funding

The school district is required to spend its Title I, Part A per pupil allocation or the actual cost of the supplemental educational services, whichever is less.

Duration and Monitoring

The Rhode Island Department of Education, in cooperation with the applicable school districts, is required to monitor the quality and effectiveness of the services offered by approved providers and to withdraw approval from providers that fail, for two years, to contribute to increasing the academic proficiency of students to whom they provide services or that fail to meet any of the other eligibility requirements or assurances. RIDE monitoring will be conducted through contact with local school districts and providers to ascertain an evaluation and demonstration of the effectiveness of providers. A violation of any of the above referenced Provider responsibilities constitutes grounds for immediate removal from the state approved list.

A district must continue to offer supplemental educational services until the school(s) in question is no longer on school improvement according to requirements of NCLB.

Reporting

No later than 30 days after completion of the contract, the provider is expected to submit to the school and the school district officials a final written report that summarizes the progress of all students provided with supplemental educational services. The school district will submit this report to the Rhode Island Department of Education for review. This information will be used to help determine if a provider will remain on the state approved list.

Application process and timeline

Proposals must be received at the Rhode Island Department of Education by August 4, 2006 at 4:00 pm. Address or deliver the application to the attention of Joseph Celani at the following:

Rhode Island Department of Education Office of Progressive Support and Intervention Title I Unit 255 Westminster Street Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Application approvals will be determined and announced by August 31, 2006. The ASESP list will be available at the RIDE web site. Applicants that do not meet the qualifications will be notified and may reapply annually. Upon request, the reasons for denial will be provided to the applicant.

Required Format

APPLICATIONS NOT ADHERING TO REQUIRED FORMAT WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

Please use the application form attached to this RFP. Applications are also available via www.ridoe.net. Please provide the information in the order indicated on the application form and instructions. In addition:

- Use no smaller than 12 pt. Font.
- Double-spaced
- Use a document footer with entity name and page numbers
- Please limit the number of pages in the narrative to 10 pages
- Allowable attachments are limited to letters of reference, printed brochures describing the services
 provided, and brief documentation of research that provides evidence of effectiveness. Proposal
 reviewers will not be required to read additional attachments. Attachments such as CDs,
 videotapes or other multimedia productions cannot be accommodated.
- The Application Format Checklist must be completed, signed, and submitted with your application

A complete application packet includes 1 original and 4 copies:

- Completed application form with original signatures
- Program narrative
- Completed Services Summary Chart
- Signed assurances form
- Allowable attachments

[&]quot;This Application Form was adapted from the SEA ToolKit on Supplemental Educational Services, developed by the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) and the Education Quality Institute (EQI). The Supplemental Educational Services Rubric was adapted from the Colorado Department of Education Application Form."

RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

Application for Supplemental Educational Services Providers

INSTRUCTIONS:

Please review and follow all directions carefully when completing this application. Applications that exceed page limits will not be considered. No supplemental material beyond what is specifically requested in the application will be considered.

• The **deadline** for submitting an application is:

August 4, 2006 by 4:00 p.m.

- Applications are also available via www.ride.ri.gov
- For additional resource information see the NCLB Supplemental Educational Services
 Non-Regulatory Guidance document available at the following:
 http://www.ed.gov/policy/elsec/guid/suppsvcsguid.pdf
- Completed applications should be mailed to the attention of Joseph Celani at:

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THE APPLICATION FORMAT CHECKLIST MUST BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED WITH YOUR APPLICATION.

Application Format Checklist:

	12-point font is used	
	Document is doubled-spaced	
	Application contains a document footer with entity name and page no	umbers
	Basic Program Information form is completed with original signature	2
	Application narrative is limited to 10 pages	
	Services Summary chart is completed	
	Assurances form is signed	
	Specified document(s) are allowable as attachments	
	The scoring rubric has been reviewed	
	The complete application packet includes 1 original and 4 copies	
Signat	ture:	Date:

I. BASIC PROGRAM INFORMATION (Limit 4 Pages)

1.	Program Name	
2.	Federal EIN or Social Security Number	
3.	Subject Areas Covered	Please list all major subject areas you address in working with students.
4.	Date SSP Formed	Please list the date (month, year) in which you first delivered supplemental educational services to students and the school district(s) with which you collaborated.
5.	Grade Levels Able to Serve in 2006-2007	Please list the grade levels you would be able to serve in the coming academic year.
6.	Maximum Number of Students Able to Serve in 2006-2007	Please provide an estimate of the maximum number of students in this state that you will be able to serve next year while maintaining quality service and results.
7.	Service Area	Please list the district(s) and school(s)for which you are able to provide services. District(s): School(s):
8.	Geographic Setting	Check the setting(s) in which you have provided services to students in the past. □ Urban □ Rural □ Suburban
9.	Place of Service	Check the location(s) that best describes where you deliver services to students. School Business Place of religious worship (e.g., church, synagogue, mosque, temple) Community center Your home Student's home On-line Other:

10. Specific Student Populations Served	If your organization has provided supplemental educational services to any of the following groups, please check the corresponding box. Include
	required information in the application narrative and program section.
	□ Low-income students
	Minority students
	□ Migrant students
	□ Limited English proficient students
	Indicate particular language(s) with which you have expertise
	which you have expertise
	Students with disabilities Othern (describe)
	Other: (describe)
	Please indicate if you wish to only be considered for service toward
	specific subgroups of children because of special expertise in some
	areas.
11. Type of Organization	Check the category that best describes your organization.
	□ For Profit
	□ Not for Profit □ School artity
	School entityInstitution of Higher Education
	Other (describe)
12. Time of Service	Check the time(s) that best describe when you deliver services to
	students. Before school
	□ After school
	□ Weekends
	□ Summer
	Other:
13. Mode of	Please describe the methods in which your program delivers instruction
Instructional	to students (i.e., on-line/web-based, individual tutoring, small group
Delivery	instruction, etc.)
14. Student/Instructor	List the ratio of instructors to children in your program.
Ratio	
	Students for every 1 instructor

15. Cost	Provide a per pupil cost, per hour cost, per unit of service, and (please describe the length of a typical unit of service (i.e., one hour, one month, one semester, one year, etc.) OR provide a specific description of your pricing structure.				
16. Duration of Services	How often are services provided?				
	#hours and #days per week				
	#hours and #days per month				
	#hours and #days per summer session				
17. Transportation	Provide information about accessibility to public transportation from your site.				
18. Provider Contact Information	Local Contact Person Name: Street Address: City: State: Zip: Phone: () FAX: () Email: Web site: Hours of operation:				
	Corporate Contact Person Name: Street Address: City: State: Zip: Phone: () FAX: () Email: Web site: Hours of operation:				

19. Program Description	Provide a brief (3 sentences maximum) description of your program's offerings that parents could use in their initial search for providers. Please also indicate which keywords best match your program's offerings: □ Individual tutoring □ Small group interaction □ Reading □ English language acquisition □ Math			
20. Coordination	collaborate with the child's provide the highest levels of	of the ways you will coordinate and so classroom teacher and family so as to of academic congruence. This description on behalf of the students with IEPs and Literacy Plans (PLPs).		
(Name)		(Date)		
(Print Name)				

II. APPLICATION NARRATIVE (Please address the following criteria in a narrative of no more than 10 pages)

Program: (2-3 pages)

- □ Please describe the program that will be offered. Be sure to include the following information: Approach or model of instruction, description of program content, strategies to work with school personnel, location of service delivery, length of each tutoring session (i.e., everyday, biweekly, summer), grade levels served, special groups served, if applicable, and discuss the transportation arrangements, if applicable.
- □ Indicate how the content is aligned with RIDE academic standards.

Staff: (1 page)

- □ Indicate who will be teaching in the program, their academic and professional qualifications including licensure and/or certifications.
- Describe existing plan for professional development and ongoing support for staff.

Scientifically Based Research and Program Effectiveness: (2-3 pages)

- Describe the scientifically based research that demonstrates that this is an effective method to increase student achievement.
- □ Provide evidence of the program's effectiveness that fall into *all 4* of the categories below. If available, include data that supports student academic progress.
 - 1) Provide evidence that your program has a positive impact on student achievement for low-income students on a state, district and/or another independent, valid and reliable performance test.
 - 2) Provide evidence that your program has a positive impact on student performance for low-income students using measures such as provider-developed tests, school grades, homework completion, or school/teacher administered subject area tests.
 - 3) Provide current letters of reference and support from among the following:
 a) families, b) schools, c) districts, d) students, and e) teachers, etc. Letters of reference and support should include testimonial information on the positive impact of your program. (Submit a minimum of 5 letters and a maximum of 10).
 - 4) Demonstrate additional evidence of improved outcomes, such as student attendance, retention/promotion rates, graduation rates, family/parent satisfaction, and/or student discipline.

Evaluation / Monitoring: (2 pages)

- Describe how the program will be monitored for effectiveness.
- □ Delineate how the progress of students receiving supplemental educational services will be measured and which assessments will be used.
- □ Describe how the school district, school and parents will be notified of the student's progress (in their native language, if necessary).

Financial and Organizational Capacity: (limit 1 page)

- Describe and submit evidence demonstrating that your organization is financially sound (may include a description of how you currently receive funds, audited financial statements, credit ratings, proof of liability insurance, or organizational budgets).
- □ Submit copies of business license or formal documentation of legal status with respect to conducting business in the state.
- □ Indicate the service fee structure for providing supplemental educational services.

Service Summary
(Please limit responses to one word or short phrases. This information will be used in the compilation of a statewide master chart for parents and local school districts.)

Name	
City & County	
Proposed location of service delivery	
If service delivery is not at the student's school, is transportation provided, and if yes, is there a separate fee? (Note: Districts are not required to provide or pay for transportation.)	
Service period start & end date for 2006-2007	
Type of certification of instructors	
Individual or small group (maximum # in small group)	
Length of each tutoring session	
Number of sessions per week	
Cost per session	
Grade levels served	
Tutoring available in Reading and/or Math	
Title of tutoring curriculum utilized	
Describe scientifically based evidence of effectiveness	
Specifics of reporting to parents & school (format, frequency, method of communication)	
Description of services available to diverse populations: children with disabilities specific languages	
Other information:	

Assurances and Signature Form

In submitting this application to be included in the Rhode Island Department of Education Approved Supplemental Educational Services Provider List, I certify that:

- 1. The service provider meets all applicable federal, state, and local education, health, safety, and civil right laws.
- 2. Provider conducts criminal background checks on all staff providing program services and copies of background checks are forwarded to the LEA.
- 3. All instruction and content are secular, neutral, and non-ideological.
- 4. All services will be provided on a nondiscriminatory basis.
- 5. The service provider will not disclose to the public the identity of any student eligible for or receiving supplemental educational services without the written permission of the parent.
- 6. The service provider is financially stable and will be able to complete services to the student and the school.
- 7. The service provider will not apply additional admission criteria to eligible students.
- 8. Providers will collaborate with the school to provide appropriate services for the student.
- 9. Providers will provide an instructional program that is supplemental to the regular school program.
- 10. Providers agree to provide academic achievement progress reports to parents and students' LEA.
- 11. Providers will make every effort to involve parents/guardians in developing the needs assessment for the student, developing a plan of services and exchanging information on the progress of the student.
- 12. Providers have liability insurance. List company name and policy number or attach a copy of the policy cover page.
- 13. Provider agrees to abide by the conditions of the contract with the LEA including the fee that will be in compliance with Section 1116 (e) (6) (A) (B) NCLB.
- 14. Provider agrees to comply with the Education Industry Association's *Code of Professional Conduct and Business Ethics for SES Providers*, as amended November 15, 2005.

Signature	Date	
Title		

Supplemental Educational Services Rubric

OVERALL SCO	ORING:	/ 82		Proposal # Reviewer:	_	
Part II: Appl						
Element I.	Progra	nm			10 pc	oints
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Element II.	Staff	7 r	ooints

> Clearly indicates who will be teaching in the program, their qualifications including licensure and/or certification and the ongoing support that they will receive.

Level I 0-1 points	Level II 2-4 points	Level III 5-7 points		
☐ Does not address the qualifications of teachers or the ongoing support	Provides some description of the qualifications of teachers and the ongoing support that	 Staff identified and fully qualified. 		
that will be given.	will be given.	Comprehensive plan in place for professional development and technical assistance.		
		Total points for element/7		

Element III. Scientifically Based Research

10 points

> Clearly describes the scientifically based research that demonstrates that this is an effective method to increase student achievement.

Level I 0-1 points	Level II 2-4 points	Level III 5-7 points	Level IV 8-10 points
Substantially fails to discuss scientifically based research that supports the effectiveness of the program.	Shows some evidence of the scientifically based research that supports the effectiveness of the program.	Documents research base for the methods and program design, and somewhat links such to student populations to be served.	☐ Cites scientific research base for all components of the program and fully links SBR to the atrisk student populations that may be served.
	Total poin	ts for element/10	

Comments:			

> Provides evidence of the program's effectiveness that fall into **all 4*** categories listed below. Includes available data that supports academic progress.

EVIDENCE OF EFFECTIVENESS		Level I 0-1 points	Level II 2-4 points	Level III 5-7 points	Level IV 8-10 points	
		LIMITED or NO evidence	MODERATE evidence	STRONG evidence	EXEMPLARY evidence	
Demonstrates positive achievement for low-in state, district and/or in reliable performance to	ncome students on a dependent, valid and					
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3. Submits strong letters support from families, students, teachers, etc. information on the pos program (min. 5 letters	schools, districts, offering testimonial sitive impact of the					
4. Demonstrates addition improved outcomes, so attendance, retention/p graduation rates, famil and/or student discipling	uch as student promotion rates, y/parent satisfaction,					
	Total points for element/40*					

Comments:			

Element V. Evaluation/Monitoring

10 points

- Clearly describes how the program will be monitored for effectiveness.
- ➤ Delineates how the progress of students receiving supplemental educational services will be measured and which assessments will be used.
- ➤ Clearly describes how the school and parents will be notified of the student's progress (in their native language, if necessary).

Level I 0-1 points	Level II 2-4 points	Level III 5-7 points	Level IV 8-10 points	
Significantly fails to discuss how the program will be evaluated.	Provides little description of how the program will be evaluated.	Clearly explains how the program will be consistently monitored for effectiveness.	Most clearly explains how the program will be consistently monitored for effectiveness.	
Does not address monitoring progress of each student receiving tutorial assistance.	Shows limited method for monitoring progress of each student receiving tutorial assistance.	Details how student progress will be monitored through assessments.	Details extensively how student progress will be monitored through assessments.	
Does not adequately explain how parents and schools will be informed of a student's progress.	Provides little explanation as to how parents and schools will be informed of a student's progress.	 Describes plan to inform parents and schools of the student's progress 	Describes plan in detail to thoroughly inform parents and schools of the student's progress	
Total points for element/10				

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Element VI. Financial and Organizational Capacity 5 points

- Clearly indicates the fee structure for providing supplemental educational services.
- > Provides clear evidence that the organization is financially sound.

Level I	Level II	Level III		
0-1 points	2-3 points	4-5 points		
 The explanation of pricing fails to give the reader an understanding of the cost of services. Provides no documentation. 	 The explanation of pricing provides some understanding of the cost of services. Provides some documentation. 	 The explanation of pricing clearly explains the cost for services. Provides appropriate documentation. 		
		Total points for element/5		

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